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REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 4, 14, and 24 and rejected claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, and 25-30 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) by prior art.

Applicants canceled independent claims 1, 11, and 21 and amended certain of the pending claims to depend from allowed independent claims 4, 14, and 24. Applicants further canceled claims 2, 12, and 22 for including limitations already found in the allowed claims 4, 14, and 24. Applicants further amended dependent claims to use the language of the allowed independent claims by replacing "facsimile server" with "first computing system" and replacing "conversion computer" with second computing system".

Applicants submit that these amendments place the case in condition for allowance.

Applicants further note that a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted on May 20, 2004. Applicants request that the Examiner review the references cited in the IDS and indicate such review by initialing the references in the submitted Form 1449.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 3-10, 13-20, and 23-30 are patentable over the art of record. Applicant submits that no additional fees are needed. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (810) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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